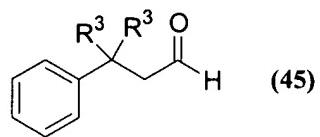


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9. A process according to claim [7] 8 wherein the oxidant in step (c) is oxalyl chloride, a tertiary amine and DMSO.
10. A process according to Claim [7] 8 wherein the tertiary amine is DBU or di-*iso*-propylethyl amine.
11. A process according to Claim [7] 8 wherein the crown ether in step (b) is 18-crown-6.
12. A process according to Claim [7] 8 wherein the base in step (b) is potassium hexamethyldisilazane.
13. A process according to Claim [7] 8 wherein R<sup>6</sup> is a trialkylsilylethoxycarbonyl group.
14. A process according to Claim [7] 8 wherein the aldehyde in step (h) is a 3-phenylpropionaldehyde (**45**) derivative optionally substituted at the 3-position with one or two R<sup>3</sup> substituents.



15. A process according to Claim [7] 8 wherein the aldehyde in step (h) is 3-phenylpropionaldehyde.

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